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Today at the Olympic — Ethel Barrymore in "The American Widow."

Garbage Question Almost Like The War

DR. LERMANN IS PROMOTED

Lieutenant W. W. Lermann, M. R. C., a well known Monessen young man, has been promoted to a captaincy and is located at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Capt. Lermann has organized and is training the only mule-drawn ambulance company in the 76th or New England Division and he will command this company in over-sea duty as soon as his Division is called.

Dr Lermann is a son of Mr. and Mrs W. P. Lermann of McKee avenue and has many warm friends here who are pleased to learn of his promotion and success as one of Uncle Sam's honor defenders.

FOUND

A hound dorg purp with a long chain attached. Said dog looks like a Redhound, but does not answer to name of "Rush." Howls when called Kaiser. Strap around neck with place for name, but name is not engraved theron. Appears to be property of small boy or girl. Dog is very lonely and cries most of the time Inquire Hibbs & Wooward. Owner pay reasonable reward for recovery of the pup and proceeds will go to Red Cross after this ad is paid for.

INCOME TAX NOTICE

Until March 1st, we will receive Income Tax and aid or instruct in filling out papers. Applicants can call at our room in Peoples Bank building or at the office of Duvall & Duvall, 565 Donner avenue.

Geo. W. Neal.
15-2tp fp Paul R. Cosgray.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN RECEIVE PAY

Monessen's Volunteer Firemen received their pay yesterday for two months' services at fires and are today "stepping around with a smile" and seeking where the money can be spent to the best advantage. Some of the boys are buying Thrift Stamps, this being assured of safety first and a good investment.

Too much praise cannot be given our local fire fighters, as they have for years proven themselves faithful and courageous—ever ready to respond to the sound of the fire alarm and do all within their power to protect and save homes and business places of our people.

They have done a great and noble work, saving thousands and thousands of dollars worth of property from the ravages of fire. No one should stoop to criticism or find fault with members of our Volunteer Fire Department and we sometimes think that not near enough attention or interest is shown toward them and their valorous work.

There should be some systematic get-together plan among Monessen's business men and citizens by which banquets, social gatherings, etc., should be held—just to show due appreciation of what they have done and are doing for the town and its people and properties.

NOTICE ODD FELLOWS

—All Odd Fellows are urged to be present at the funeral services over the remains of Brother G. F. Howard this evening at 8 o'clock, 2 McKee avenue. Daniel Reamer, Secy. It

EVERY BODY WANTS TO GET IN; NEWS PUBLISHES "NOTE" FOR INDEPENDENT

It Defends Parts of the Ordinance, Condemns Other Parts. Excuses Engineer and Drags Pittman in. Says Wyant told Employes to Draft Ordinances.

The Monessen News has seen fit to at last say a word about the garbage question. For the life of us we are unable yet to determine just where it stands. The article appearing in yesterday's issue is full of "ifs" "ands" and other evasive expletives ,and inferences. It tries to make apologies for everything it has said or anything it might hereafter say that would offend the sensitive nature of somebody who happens to be in the way when it comes to settling a big issue.

This is an issue and we shall set it far above the man. Mr. A. W. Johns has been one of the chief sponsors of this garbage issue. We sat personally in council meetings month after month and heard him give advice as to the merits of having the system operated out of the taxpayers' money. If he was told by the committee under which he was working to get up and give such advice, then he is no less criticised. His advice no doubt has been heeded many times without any investigation on the part of the committee.

From the start the Independent criticized the proposition of the council. We took an editorial position against throwing this great burden upon the taxable property of the city, knowing that it would react upon the occupants of the houses and buildings and cause an advance in rents. We were fearless in our criticism. We incurred the scowls of members of the committee for those members believed they were right and the Independent believed it was right. Mr. Johns today stands in the position of being one of the chief city advocates of hauling the garbage and paying the bills out of the treasury. He must answer for his position and the results of his judgment. It was a dream **and the unfortunate part of it is that it was no pipe dream. We still contend that the ordinance should have been drawn by the borough solicitor. We deny that Mr. Wyant ever told any employe of the borough to do his work.**

The Monessen News says that the opposition of the Independent is too general. This is the last criticism that could possibly fall upon this paper. We are specific in all things. We deny that we have offered no solution of the present difficulty. In its issue of January 16, The Independent said editorially:

AGAIN THE GARBAGE ISSUE

The garbage question has not been solved. It is now in far worse shape than it was twelve months ago with an added burden of from $8,000 to $12,000 annually on the taxpayers. Every public question is bound to produce difference of opinion. and while the garbage issue was met in council by opposing factions, the present municipal collecting system can well be termed a minority system. The strongest and best men in council opposed it until facts and figures were submitted to show what a great burden would be lifted from the shoulders of the taxpayers if an opportunity were only given to prove statements. "Show me then" was the attitude assumed by the men who had always opposed it. and the result was the levy of a special taxation to take care of the expenses.

The opposition of the Independent to this scheme was born out of a desire to safeguard the public interest and we now have our prophesy fulfilled when the very members of council who advocated the present system threw up their hands and declare they will have nothing more to do with it as it is only a source of annoyance. It is but to add "I told you so."

Now to the solution. People are not satisfied with quitting. Something better must come. We must go back to the contract system and one of the very first things council should do is to change the whole regime.

The first duty apparent seems the location and purchase of a site for an incinerating plant. This done a modern plant should be built. Our council should then divide the city and let the contract

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DEAD CHILD WAS FOUND IN RIVER

The dead body of a new born infant was found on the river shore near the Second street wharf, Monongahela, Monday morning at 11 o'clock, by Elmer Liebler, Theodore Burkhart and Fred Butler. The men were viewing th river when one of them noticed the object. They made an investigation and took the tiny remains to the Frye morgue. The body, that of a boy, was well formed and had evidently been left on the bank sometime during the night. It was small in features and when found had nothing wrapped around it.

LOCAL WOMEN ARE BUSY

The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense are still hard at work on the Thrift Stamp drive, which was started Monday.

The town has been districted and two ladies appointed to each district, to make a thorough house to house canvass.

During the two days they have worked, much encouragement has been accorded, deep interest shown and the people have responded in a very satisfactory manner.

The aim and object of the ladies, to place one or more Thrift Stamps in every home in Monessen, is, from all indications going to come very near to complete realization. as not many homes are being missed.

The work is being superintended by the chairman, Mrs. J. J. Cushing. and a report will be made Thursday or Friday, showing just what has been done. This is a chance for parents to get their children interested in this great war work which has not before been offered and the investment comes within the reach of all.

MAN DIES WHILE ON DUTY IN MILL

G F. Howard of No. 3 McKee avenue, died very suddenly yesterday at about 11 o'clock in the Page mill hospital, death being attributed to the bursting of a small blood vessel.

Mr. Howard, about two weeks ago was taken sick, but not seriously, it being thought he had been overcome by mill gasses or was threatened with pneumonia. He seemingly recovered and yesterday morning went back to work at the mill. He went home to an early dinner and said he felt fire Returning to the mill he became ill again in the office and remarked to some of the men that he would have to rest a bit. He continued to sink and was taken to the mill hosital where he became unconscious and death followed before any of his family could reach him.

Deceased was 52 years of age and moved to Monessen from Adrian, Mich. He was foreman in the new Page mill and had been in that company's employ for 26 years.

A wife and two sons are left to mourn the loss of a loving and kindhearted husband and father. The sons are Harold T. and Wallace P. Four brothers also survive: L. A. and Edgar Howard of Hillsdale, Mich.; Charles of Anderson, Ind., and Forest H. of Toledo, O. One other brother, William, is supposed to be in Kansas City, Mo., but has not been heard from for several years.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D. R. Graham, of the Methodist church at 8 o'clock this evening at the home. The remains will be taken on the 6-25 am Thursday morning to Adrian, the old home, for burial The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Knights of Phythias, members of which will take part in the funeral services.

BOY'S LEG AMPUTATED

Owen Desellems, aged 16 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Desellems, of near Lock Four, was seriously injured while at work in the open hearth department of the Pitsburgh Steel Company plant. The accident happened at about 9:30 and resulted in the boy having one leg so badly crushed that it was necessary to have it amputated in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela, to which institution he was taken for treatment. The boy's other leg was also injured, but not seriously. His condition has been reported as very serious, but today is somewhat improved.

NOTICE K. OF P.

All members of Monessen Lodge No. 168, Knights of Pythias, are requested to be present at the funeral services of our late brother, G. F. Howard, at the home, No. 3 McKee avenue, at 8 o'clock this evening.

By order,
M. R. Colus, C. C.

Take it Out

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Take out a corn. If you only could—the pain would be forced to quit. It can be done. Try OUR CORN REMEDY. Three or four applications and the corn coms out on the end of your finger nail. Don't you think that is worth considering?

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KIRK'S DRUG STORE
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4th & Donner 6th & Reed

STAR THEATRE

TODAY—Wm. S. Hart, the bad man of the screen in a story written by himself entitled "The Narrow Trail." This is the first Hart photoplay to be released by Thos Ince, thru Artcraft. It co-stars, Fritz, Hart's famous Pinto, which should be of interest to the pony's admirers. It introduces Sylvia Bremer, the beautiful Australian actress, who has made such success as Hart's leading lady. Filled with wondrous incidents.

THURSDAY—"Bondage," with Dorothy Phillips, also vaudeville. Vaudeville admission, Matinee, 5c & 10c. evening, 10c and 20c.

Some Specials February Clean-Up Sale

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Men's Derby Rib Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, $1.00 value at 75c.

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Men's heavy ribbed Union Suits at $1.39. Worth now $18.00 a dozen, or $1.50 each wholesale.

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$1.00 Black Satin Shirts 75c. Jack Rabbit brand.

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All 50c. 75c and $1.00 boys Hats. to clean up at 40c.

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25 young men's Overcoats $14. $15 to $18 grades, (no belts) will be good next fall, choice $9.85. Sizes 33, 34, and 35 only. All wool materials.

—ooo—

20 Boys' Overcoats, $8, $9 and $10 values. All wool coats. Light shades, choice at $3.98. Sizes 12 to 15 years.

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MEYERS'

—The Monongahela Valley lodge 776 I. O. B. B. held an installation meeting. Out of town speakers were present and good music characterized the occasion. Fefreshments were served.

Introductory Offer
Lesperine
The Safe and Sure Antiseptic
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Today the new Victor Records for February are on sale

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William Evan
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18428—10 in 75c
There's a Vacant Chair in Every Home tonight.—Shannon Four.
The Dream of a Soldier Boy—Charles Hart.
18429—10 in. 75c
The Dixie Volunteers—American Quartet.
I Miss the Old Folks Now—Van and Schenk.
18407—10 in. 75c
My Sweetie—One Step—Joseph C Smith's orchestra.
Some Sunday Morning—Medley Fox Trot—Joseph C. Smith's orchestra.
45147—10 in. $1.00
Serenade (Sing. Smile. Slumber) (Gounod)—Olive Kline.
In an Old Fashioned Town—Elsie Baker.

D. KRASIK
Monessen, Pa.
452 Donner Ave.
Phone 201-E

SALE CONTINUED
One more week

For the benefit of those who were unable to take advantage of our special prices we have decided to continue the special prices named below for one more week.

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1-7 Drawer Singer worth $74. new sale price	$39.00
1-5 Drawer Singer worth $68. new sale price	$38.00
1 White Rotary. used 3 mo. new sale price	$29.00
1 Free Machine, used 3 mo., new sale price	$29.00
1 Columbia Improved, new sale price	$15.00
1 Free second hand, new sale price	$15.00
1 White Rotary, new sale price	$11.50
1 Minnesota, new sale price	$9.50
1 New Royal, new sale price	$5.50
1 Second Hand Singer, new sale price	$5.00
1 Second Hand Singer, new sale price	$4.00

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THURSDAY—Lillian Walker in "Gold, or Lust of the Ages."

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"The Birth of a Nation."

COMING—William Farnum in "The Heart of a Lion."

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RAILROAD PASSES

Although it has been supposed by many people that most railroad passes had been abolished, yet 100,000 of them have been annuled by Secretary McAdoo's recent order. This is far less than the number used at the time when a count on one train is said to have disclosed but two people who were paying fare

Passes recently have come mostly under these heads, mostly used within state lines and so not subject to the Interstate commerce law.

First—Attorneys representing the railroads before public bodies

Second—Persons having political influence whose support is desired.

Third—Some newspapers, in exchange for advertising and otherwise.

Fourth—Employes of the roads.

It would be much better policy for railroad attorneys to pay their own fare and charge it up to the company when on company business. Otherwise there would be a temptation to use the pass on private errands. Distribution of passes to gain political favor will make more enemies than friends

Exchange with newspapers of passes for advertising was legitimate, if the roads disclaimed the desire to influence editorial policy, although many mercenary editors were subtly influenced in this way to favor the roads But when the commerce law passed and the passes were generally withdrawn, the roads lost valuable publicity, and the public was inconvenienced by lack of information about timetables.

At the rate of wages now received by many classes of railroad employees, there would seem no reason why they should be made a favored class by free transportation on private business or errands of pleasure. The whole pass system is wrong and it will have to go.

NOW, ISN'T IT SO?

When you analyze the recent Hoover order, you find much that means a discipline rather than change from custom. For instance, one meatless meal every day.

Isn't it a fact that very few families have meat on their menu three times a day? Certainly the millions in agricultural pursuits do not. Certainly the very poor do not because they cannot afford it. Meat three times a day is largely confined to regular patrons of restaurants and hotels, and really, they are a small proportion of the total of population.

Then we are to have two porkless days each week, leaving five days on which w can consume pork with a clear conscience. Anyone who must have pork more than five times a week was never intended for this intelligent age. Nor does the order for two porkless days demand much change in general custom.

Actually, it is only that part of the order applying to wheatless that smacks of revolution, and our brains tell us that there are a lot of first class substitutes for wheat.

SPIES IN GERMANY

Some people think it is strange that we don't copy German's methods and organize a spy system to find out what is going on inside that country. They do not understand the thoroughness with which the German system of detecting spies is organized.

Every foot of the German frontier is rigidly patrolled. Every person entering has to give the strictest account of himself All his efforts are subjected to the most searching scrutiny If any doubt is felt as to his purposes, he is shadowed, and every movement watched, and he has to report to the police every 24 hours

There are people in this country who in spite of all this could get inside Germany and get valuable information. Their services are very much needed, but a man would have to speak German well and have plausible excuses to put up before trying it

EDITORIALETTES

Where's General Wood? has been answered. He's in France getting wounded.

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Still in spite of all mistakes made, the American people will do well to observe one kickless day a week.

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A Hobart (Ind) paper reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. David Vinegar. Mother doing well

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The fellow who realy needs a heatless day is that officer sent by the Bolshevikie to Jassy to arrest the king of Roumania.

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The food profiteers will cheerfully heed the warnings of the government provided their lawyers advise them to do so.

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N. Y. stock market became firm upon that war order for coalless days. Those gamblers know business when they see it.

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France, having coffee enough on hand for a year, closing importations of it. It doesn't mean business as usual for somebody.

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The Northern people who are unable to get coal are urged to keep warm by reading in the newspapers how nice and hot it is in the Southern resorts.

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Kaiser Bill's big offensive he has been bragging about simply means that a million men will be taken from their safe trenches, out in the open where our gun fire can get them.

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Having got the railroads on an estimate that they required a half billion's worth of improvements, McAdoo wants twice or three times that money. It's the usual performance of estimates.

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The kaiser asked that no especial demonstrations of joy be made on his birthday. It was one request of Wilhelm's that the vast majority of the world complied with with an encore.

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Another excellent reason why many of us are unwilling to keep poultry and help raise food is that our wives pertinaciously refuse to take the entire care of them.

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Of course the army is not to blame for delays, because the ships aren't ready, and the shipbuilders aren't to blame, because the army isn't yet equipped to go over.

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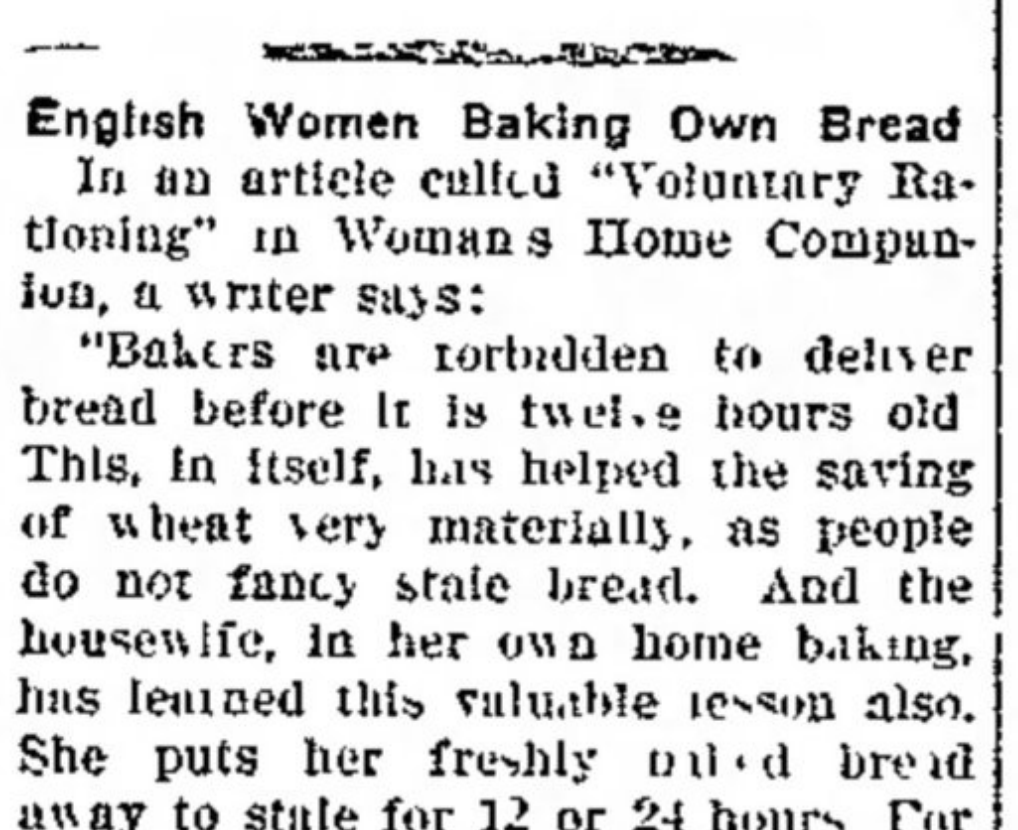

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English Women Baking Own Bread

In an article called "Voluntary Rationing" in Woman's Home Companion, a writer says:

"Bakers are forbidden to deliver bread before it is twelve hours old This, in itself, has helped the saving of wheat very materially, as people do not fancy stale bread. And the housewife, in her own home baking, has learned this valuable lesson also. She puts her freshly baked bread away to stale for 12 or 24 hours For many years English baker's bread has been so good and so cheap that it has formed a large part of the daily menu. But government regulation baker's bread is, for the most part, so unpalatable that women have become home bakers. They mix the standard flour with other meals and produce a bread which is far more palatable, at less expense, and still comes within the rations. The supply of flour being so limited, pastries and cakes have become rarities in stores and restaurants, and luxuries in homes"

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A Wise Investment

By SARAH ESTELLE BALCOM

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"Then I have lost my two thousand dollars," propounded old Hugh Roberts mournfully

"Every cent of it, and past recovery. You have simply been swindled outright," advised Lawyer Griscom.

Hugh Roberts ran his fingers nervously through his sparse white hair and a look of despair came into his faded eyes

"It's the end, then" he said desolately. "It's twice and out First I advanced that young fellow Warren Lee my five hundred dollars savings on the patent that disappeared with him. Then along came this oil proposition It looked reasonable, one hundred acres cut up into small lots You paid fifty dollars a lot and I bought forty of them You see, the company was to bore for oil If one of my lots happened to be the place where they struck oil I was to get ninety per cent of the entire production Think of it! rich for life and I could have built the dream of my life a nice bungalow on the old homestead But that's all past now I must think of Esther and I want you to sell the little place"

"Oh, don't do that, Roberts," remonstrated the lawyer

'Yes, it's got to be," insisted the other firmly "I owe it to Esther, my little niece and faithful housekeeper. I have planned to leave her well provided for. Now all I can do for her is to turn what little I have left into cash, and arrange to have my stepsister take care of her for the money She must not know I am going away. I want to slip out of her life quietly"

"But how are you going to live yourself?" inquired the lawyer solicitously

"I have arranged all that," tersely replied Roberts, and that settled it.

There was no redress as to the investment of Roberts in the oil speculation The company had bored ten wells, just as they said they would, but no oil.

One morning all Glenville knew that Hugh Roberts had disappeared Esther, who loved him dearly, was broken hearted when, gently as he could, Mr Griscom told her the depressing facts of the case. There was another grief nursed in secret by the fair young girl

Roberts had referred to a first investment about a year previous Warren Lee had incidentally met Mr Roberts enthusiastic over his invention which required five hundred dollars to complete. He pledged his honor that he would give Roberts a one-half interest if he would advance the amount

"When I come back it will be to make you rich," he had answered the old man

"And when that lucky day comes," he had whispered to Esther, "I am going to ask you to become my wife." Therefore, no marvel that Esther tried to cherish hope amid all her troubles, for, although they received no word from the young inventor, a memory of his earnest, honest face bade her retain her faith in him. She took up her home with a new relative and patiently awaited the awards of fate

Roberts had gone straight to the site of the great oil field that had no oil He had claimed possession of his forty oil lots which no one disputed for the land was absolutely valueless Roberts built a little shack, he purchased a cow with a broken leg and nursed it back to health He planted some vegetables and sold milk to a crossroads tavern two miles away, eking out a wretched living and peered at by those who passed his "farm He was persistent gloomy, reticent, and barely spoke to anyone, leading the life of a hermit, hoping the end would come soon

A year passed by and Roberts regarded with suspicion distrust and resentment a hanger-on of the tavern named Dick Essen. He and a chum tried to get into the confidence of Roberts as to who he was and where he came from, and seemed mightily interested in prying into his affairs

"He's our man," spoke Essen to his comrade one day, after Roberts had ordered them from the house.

"That's sure—we've got to act"

"Yes, and by force. See here, we're sure of that thousand dollars. It's worth risking a little time and money"

Now, this had happened: Essen had come across an advertisement. It offered one thousand dollars for information that would disclose the whereabouts of Hugh Roberts. It described him accurately—"Apply to Samuel Griscom Glenville"

The next evening Essen and his confrere entered the little shack, pounced upon Roberts, bound him, drugged him, and placed him in a closed-in automobile Then there was a twelve hours' swift dash across country As a first dim consciousness returned to Roberts, he was amazed to find himself at Glenville in the office of Lawyer Griscom

'You are welcome visitors" he caught the brisk tones of the latter, 'and I will pay you the thousand dollars gladly"

"What does this mean?" murmured the dumfounded Roberts.

"Happiness and fortune!" cried the lawyer joyfully 'We have been seeking you everywhere. Old friend, your cherished bungalow is a reality at last! Warren Lee has made good his invention. It is a glorious success, and, as his partner, you are a rich man"

"And Esther?" propounded Roberts eagerly

"Oh, she is Mrs Warren Lee, now."

Wood, 99 Cents a Cord.

Hark, ye! city dwellers who pay fifteen dollars a stick for wood for the fireplace

An auditor of the state board of accounts, returning from Brown county, tells us they burn wood in the courthouse stoves down there—oak wood, which makes lots of heat and burns long. They burn wood in the face of the fact that coal is close at hand and low in price—for they buy the wood at 99 cents a cord, delivered at the courthouse.—Indianapolis News.

A Freak of Fate

By VICTOR REDCLIFFE

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"Pretty hard luck, Peyton?"

"Yes, it's a clean sweep I've lost all I have in the world There's one ray of sunshine, though.

"And what's that?"

"I have paid for everything I had. I don't owe a cent."

"My brave optimist you deserve the very best! If you want to rebuild and start over again I'll finance you to the limit"

'Thank you, Mr Rogers, said Peyton, "but I'm through experimenting, for a time, anyway'

He was a splendid specimen of humanity, not yet twenty five tall, erect, clear eyed and open-faced. He and his would be patron viewed a scene of wide desolation For as far as the eye could reach was water, the roaring Miami river, and every estuary swollen beyond its banks and shattered houses and barns and great heaps of wreckage where the valley dipped A flood, followed by a bursting dam, had swept to wreck and ruin half a town and its environs

It came just as Clyde Peyton had perfected his dream of business felicity He had his fad It was chicken raising He had saved up nearly $3 000 A poultry fancier and importer had just introduced into this country a rare species of what were called cochin pheasants. They were wonderful layers, they were a sport fowl, they were incomparable broilers. Peyton bought the entire outfit Then he had leased a few acres of land and had put up some buildings The chicken quarters were palatial There was one large shed so comfortably built that it had two stories and held over 400 of the blooded fowl This had been bodily wrenched from its moorings and mingled with other wreckage.

"You found no trace of the chicken house?' inquired Rogers

"Yes, parts of it strewn here and there, and such a body of fowls, even live stock, massed up where the river branches ran that I hadn't the heart to look Poor things!'

So Clyde Peyton started out on the road, as of yore, as a traveling salesman He did not even leave an address behind him He tried to forget his misguided speculation It was during his vacation month that the old love for animate farm nature came back to him There was a state fair, and he visited it.

His whole interest was centered one day on a poultry annex where a full line of cochin pheasants was on exhibition At once Peyton was in his element He engaged in conversation with the man in charge of the collection.

Peyton turned to proceed on his way, he faced a bright eyed handsome young lady who evidently had been an interested listener to all he had said and showed it in her intelligent eyes

Peyton strolled around to the same place the next day He found the exhibitor glad to see him The young lady was there also

They became very well acquainted and it was a rapturous week for Clyde Peyton Together they went the rounds of the fair again and again One day Clyde narrated his former business venture and the circumstances of the flood that had beggared him Miss Barnett gave him a strange glance that he did not observe Her breath came quickly It seemed to Clyde as though she was very indulgent and considerate with him after that His heart beat high whenever he recalled all her little kindnesses The next day his emotions went down below freezing point when, in a casual conversation, the exhibitor remarked incidentally.

"Yes, Miss Barnett is heiress to a very large fortune."

"That settles it," soliloquized Clyde ruefully, alone with himself 'The chances of a poor commercial traveler for winning a peerless creature like that would be decidedly slim."

He decided to end his vacation and told the exhibitor so the next day.

"Mr Peyton is going away in the morning Miss Barnett," he told the young lady who owned the poultry collection. "I happened to refer to your being wealthy and it seemed to dispirit him."

Ina looked conscious and her cheeks reddened

'I must see Mr Peyton before he goes away,' she spoke, almost anxiously. "There he is coming in. Won't you please leave me in charge here? I have some important business with Mr. Peyton'

Important indeed, and when disclosed to Clyde he was staggered It seemed that over 75 miles from their old home his cochin pheasants had escaped from their wrecked house and to the number of over 150 had one morning wandered into John Barnett's chicken farm

They had formed the nucleus of the fortune he had left to his daughter. He had sought everywhere but vainly to locate their original owner.

'And always," said Ina, "father insisted that if ever that owner was discovered he could be given an equal share of the business that his brood had built up" So Clyde was no longer poor. He was no longer hopeless either. It was when he visited the Barnett farm and with Ina by his side viewed the great broods of beautiful cochin pheasants that his love found utterance and Ina welcomed his words as life's sweetest music.

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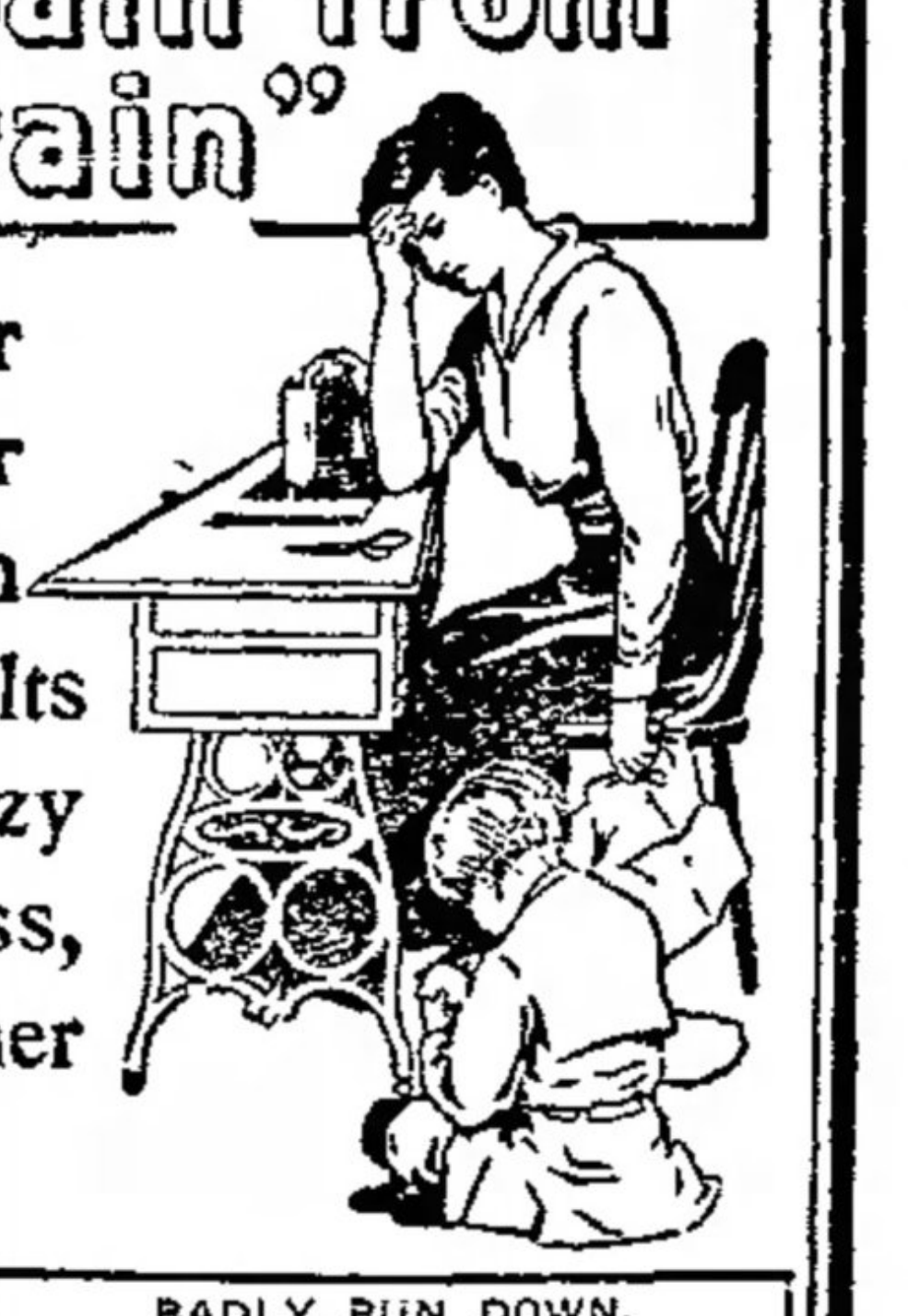

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Complicated Matrimonial Tangle

Interest was added to a complicated matrimonial tangle in Washington, Pa., with the marriage at Augusta, Ga., of Lieutenant Woodward M. Talor, of Co. H, 11th United States Infantry, located at Camp Hancock, a son of the late Judge J. F. Taylor, of Washington and a former district attorney of Washington county, and Miss Irene Laffey, better known as Miss Irene Zane, of Washington. Mrs. Taylor has been a clerk in the county commissioners' office for about two years.

The marriage was quietly solemnized at 6 o'clock p. m. by Magistrate William H. Nurndeger with only a few friends of the principals attending. An informal dinner followed the ceremony. Attention here was directed toward the nuptials by reason of the fact that Taylor's first wife, Mrs. Adah Griffiths Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Griffiths of Washington, secured a divorce on grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment, one month ago and 20 days later married Alvan E. Donnan, son of John W. Donnan and a well known young Washington attorney, whose first wife, Mrs. Sue Mitchell Donnan, daughter of James K. Mitchell of Washington, had divorced him on the same day as the Taylor divorce was granted and on the same grounds of cruelty.

Mrs. Taylor is also a divorcee, having obtained a legal separation on June 23, 1916, from her husband, Platoff Zane, member of a prominent Wheeling W. Va., family on a charge of desertion. Zane was with the Eighteenth Pennsylvania National Guard regiment on the Mexican border in 1916 and is now in the United States Military service although his location is not known here.

Miss Zane was accompanied to the Georgia City by Mrs. Watson, wife of County Commissioner John O. Watson, who was present at the wedding. Mrs. Watson is a sister of Platoff Zane, Mrs. Taylor's divorced husband. Taylor, some months ago, resigned his position as assistant ington suddenly. He afterward returned and enlisted as a private in the headquarters company of the Tenth PPennsylvania Infantry and went with the company to Camp Hancock. He was later transferred to Company H,, of the Tenth, now the 110th United States Infantry, as a second lieutenant.

Mrs. Taylor has been granted only a temporary leave from the commissioners' office and in case her husband is called for service in France expects to resume her position.

Boarding House Shooting Affray

Mrs. Martha White, colored, was shot to death in her own boarding house at McDonald, and considerable mystery surrounds the case. One of Mrs. White's boarders was a colored man by the name of Clarence Gay. Mrs. White went to McDonald from West Virginia, and Gay, who had boarded with her there, came with her.

About 9:30 at night a woman on the first floor of the White residence, heard two shots fired on the second floor. She ran out and notified two men who went up stairs where they found the body of Mrs. White lying on the floor dead with a bullet through her heart. Only one of the shots fired had taken effect. Gay, who was known to have been up stairs with Mrs. White, was missing. The killing was reported to police headquarters and officers went in search for Gay. He was reported to have been seen in Oakdale early the next morning.

Incsease in Traffic on the Monongahela

Statistics compiled by Superintendent Guy McFeeters show that during 1917 a total of 214,673,000 bushels of coal passed through Lock No. 4 on the Monongahela river at West Monessen, an increase of 20,362,000 bushels over 1916. The shortage of railroad cars also brought about the transportation of coke by water, and commencing in March 4,422,000 bushels of coke were locked through No. 4. No coke was transported by water in 1916 or in any previous year of which there is a record.

Figures show that November saw the largest quantity of coal pass through the lock, with October second and February the poorest. A total of 3,566 steamers and 16,653 loaded barges passed down stream through Lock No. 4 during the year, carrying exclusively coal and coke. Up stream 3,492 steamers and 16,093 loaded barges carrying 295,000 bushels of sand and 682,000 bushels of gravel were locked through

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Beginning Monday evening, February 11th, back copies of the Daily Independent will be sold at five cents each. The regular edition will be sold at the usual price of one cent a copy. All persons wishing extra papers of any edition must leave an order not later than noon on the day of publication in order to receive copies at one cent each. The price of news print warrants all editions to be cut to the minimum. Hence the price of five cents each for back copies.

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Colored Man Was Satisfied That He Could Afford It, if the Other Fellow Could.

In many instances prisoners, against whom there is little evidence, or who are thought to be honorable enough to return for trial if they are permitted to go to their homes if released without bond, are permitted to go on their own recognizance. In political vernacular they go on their "O. R."

A short time ago several colored men were arrested charged with assault and battery. All had engaged in a free-for-all fight and two of the men had received several knife wounds. One man, however, told the judge that he arrived on the scene, just as the police came, to see what the excitement was about, and, being mistaken for one of the fighters, was taken to police headquarters with the other men.

When the case was called in police court, it was continued for a few days, and after hearing the story the judge told this man that he would let him out on his "O. R." after he had promised to return on the day of the trial.

One of the other prisoners was so impressed with the easy manner in which his friend got out of jail that he asked for an opportunity to speak, and then said: "Jedge, yer honor, I sure would like to get out. I don't know what kind of a bond this 'O. R.' is, but I know this, that if that boy can afford it, so can I, and I am willing to put one up."

The speaker was one of the prime movers in the fight, and the judge decided that his bond would be $500, which was more than he could procure, so he remained in jail.—Indianapolis News.

The Young-Old Man and His Country

The following, by Emerson Hough is issued by the Committee on Public Information:

He stepped so silently into the room, advanced so silently to his place at the table that for the moment not all turned to look at him. He had not been invited, was not now announced. But he seemed assured of welcome.

He seemed fit for welcome here. He was tall, hardly in figure and in face, with deep lines showing effort of body and mind. His hair was not gray, but there was steel in it even now, though he yet was young.

His attitude was easy, simple, not assuming, carrying not the least trace of braggadocio, as he stood before this company where he had not been asked, and took that place which to himself seemed fit for him.

His figure was that of a young man. His skin, smooth and hard-drawn, was that of a young man. But his eye, clear, deep, and bright, bespoke the man who had thought and who held himself competent to think.

His face, astonishingly high bred and lofty, attracted the attention of everyone at the great table. Men turned one to another, wispering—

"He looks like my grandfather!" exclaimed one.

"I was about to say the same of my own," was the reply. They both had ceased to laugh and jest.

It seemed to others that the eyes of the young man himself turned now and again to the pictures that hung upon the wall—pictures of men of another generation. But his own eyes passed on and beyond the wall, as though he looked into another day.

"Who is he?" asked one man of another, now. That question went all about the board. He seemed not arrogant, save as youth and ability always are arrogant. But what did he here?

Strangely men began to look into the great mirrors at each side of the banquet table. Yet more strangely the eyes of the young man also turned to them, somberly, questioningly, as though he saw himself.

He did not speak at first, had not been asked to speak. None the less it seemed that when finally he raised his hand to command attention, all were waiting for his voice. He raised his glass, empty. But, as though it had been full of some strong wine, something was giving his voice carry and clearness, his brain directness and composure.

"I have come from another country," said he, simply. "Ore I lived at ease as you do. I played with life. I amused myself. I cared for the small things about me.

"I sought riches because some men called 'super-men' by their fellows had attained riches and were praised for them. I was concerned with the things material of life, the things perishable, that is to say, things having to do with luxury and ease. This made my horizon. I knew no better.

"Now, I come from a far country, my brothers, while yet it is very near. I am a new man but I am old. I am a stranger but I am your brother. It is as though I were your son, yet also your father and your grandfather,, though I am young. Do you read this riddle?

"I come to take you into a new country. I shall speak to you so that in time you shall be as I am now, and I shall be as you ought to be and are not now.

"I am the new man in the world. I come to your table—and I came from your table. I come to your family and I came from your family. What was my country is yours or is yours now. As my vision is, so yours must be. As my history has been so must yours be—you must put away the little things, you must see the truth and meet it as I have done.

"You ask, What is my country? You ask, Where is the country to which I summon you? Look about you. That country is America!

"I myself am born out of it—I am the new man—the American!"

They looked—and he was gone. Does what he said remain.

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That small piece of lead was fired from a pistol in the hands of a crack-brained youth of Serbian nativity into the body of the heir to the Austrian throne. The trouble arising from this mad act and its punishment set fire to the powder trains in Europe and led to hostile act after hostile act and finally to open war in 1914.

That little piece of lead should be preserved as a memorial to all future generations and as the costliest thing mankind has ever known. It would become the greatest school teacher the world has ever seen. It would teach restraint for the uncontrolled and violent; it would teach the importance of minor acts and things, it would teach peace as no costly monument, no book of horrors, no painting of tragedy could ever teach it.

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Late reports indicate that conditions would permit the lifting of the closing order, although some state administrators, conspicuous among them J. J. Starrow of New England, were opposed to such a step. There is little hope, however, that industry in general, will receive much relief for some time to come in the matter of coal and transportation facilities.

Mr. Starrow reported that conditions in New England were far from favorable and other officials admitted that the worst period of coal shortage in that district, so far as industries not absolutely essential to the war were concerned, was being faced. If the official order is sustained today, it is probable that individual state fuel administrators will be empowered to continue drastic regulation of industry and commercial interests in their districts upon the approval of Dr. Garfield if conditions seem to warrant it.

The absolute necessity to expedite the movement of food stuffs for the allied nations to Atlantic and Gulf ports, it was admitted yesterday, would unquestionably have the effect of cutting down other shipments for a month or six weeks to come. In the meantime there can be no hope for the return of anything like normal conditions for industry.

Electrical Storm Over Army Camp

Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., Feb. 12.—A severe electrical and rain storm, accompanied by a high wind that for a time had the velocity of a gale, caused approximately $10,000 damage, wrecking the new camp picture theatre and for a time threatening the camp, shortly after noon today.

Coming from the north, the wind swept down the Scioto valley, over the cantonment grounds and many of the barracks of the men were rocked by the wind. Chimneys toppled over and many trees were uprooted, the soggy ground offering but little resistance.

The new $15,000 moving picture theatre, in Columbus Pike, between Sections A and B of the camp, was blown out into the road and collapsed. The building was more than half completed and is a total wreck. It was to have a seating capacity of 1,500 and was to have been used exclusively for motion pictures.

Several stables in the horse and mule corral were also so weakened that they will have to be rebuilt.

Many Western Pennsylvania and Ohio soldiers were transferred today to units that are scheduled to leave soon for overseas service.

Capt. Stanley M. Rinehart, husband of Mary Roberts Rinehart, has been promoted to the rank of major in the Medical Reserve Corps at the base hospital. Word of his promotion was received today.

Negro Was Burned at The Stake

Jim McIlherron, a negro, of Estill Springs, Tenn., who shot and killed two white men in that city last Friday was burned at the stake there last night, after a confession had been forced from him by application of redhot irons. The man was taken to Estill Springs last night by a posse which captured him after wounding him in a battle near McMinville early yesterday.

A mob estimated at upwards of 1,000 persons met the train. Leaders of the posse urged the crowd to let the law take its course, but no effort was made to prevent the lynching. A sister of one of the men McIlherron shot addressed the crowd, denouncing her brother's slayer. The prisoner was then taken out of town, chained to a tree, tortured until he confessed, implicating another Negro, and then was burned.

World's Noted Violinist Coming

A musical event above the ordinary is scheduled for the High school auditorium Monday evening, Feb 25, when Edward Deru, one of the world's most noted violinists will entertain for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross and Belgian orphans. Edward Deru is one of the most typical exponents of the Belgian School of violinists; he has played with great success in every important city in Europe. His recitals in London, Berlin and Paris were highly praised. Before coming to America, he spent [illegible] months in England where he played ten concerts. He also went to the Belgian front where he gave many recitals for the soldiers and [illegible].

Edward Deru has served as violinist to the king and queen of Belgium, and was formerly assistant principal to Eugene Gaye in Brussels.

Supplementary music will be furnished by the Louhi band and Symphony orchestra

Answer to Suit of Sealer Miksell

Washington county has filed an answer in the suit of O. Evans Mikesell, sealer of weights and measures in which it is the defendant. In this case Mr. Mikesell seeks to recover his salary and expenses for the first half of January, 1918, which the controller refused to approve on acount of the advance given Mr. Mikesell.

The affidivate of defense is made out in the name of John O. Watson, A. P. Barnum and Thomas Hill, commisioners of Washington county. The affidavit admits that the allegations of the sealer of weights and measures are true and that his salary is due as claimed.

The last paragraph of the affidavit reads as follows: "The board of county commissioners for further answer to the claim of the plaintiff aver, that after due consideration and deliberation by the board and acting entirely within discretion they fixed the salary of the plaintiff herein along with the salaries of numerous other employes and appointees of the county at what they deem to be a fair and just compensation for the services to be performed and the first installment of the plaintiff's salary when due was presented to them and approved and they know of no reason legal or otherwise, why said claim as herein set forth should not be paid except that the county controller, whose duty it is to approve the same for payment by the county treasurer, refused to do so."

Magician's Entertainment Fine

The entertainment last evening in the High school auditorium by Laurant, the magician, was not disappointing to anyone, as it was meritorious, clean and modern throughout. The entertainer and his company maintained the good record heralded before their coming.

Prof. Laurant's work was, while decidedly mystifying, new, right down to the minute and of a high order.

Miss Barnard, cornettist and bugler, was a favorite from the beginning and her special work was considered the best of its kind ever heard in Monessen.

The auditorium was crowded, standing room being at a premium, this being partially on account of the nature of the entertainment, which attracted many of the younger and smaller folks. This was one of the Board of Trade numbers, coming under the head of the entertainment course which seems to be getting better all the time, as nothing yet here has proven so universally pleasing as did last night's number.

The next number on the course will be a lecture by William Rainey Bennett, Thursday, March 21.

Not Satisfied Either Way

A libel action, with a distinct element of Burlesque about it was decided in the Supreme court at London, Ont., the other day.

Ex-Alderman William Wilson complained that the London Free Press had been consistenly and persistently leaving his name out of its news columns and claimed damages from the paper on that account. It appears that, while Mr. Wilson was a member of the city council, he had had a difference with the Free Press and the municipal reporter on that paper was instructed to omit the plaintiff's name from his city hall reports. Accordingly, Mr. Wilson was always referred to as "an alderman," or "the same alderman."

The case was tried by jury, and a verdict in favor of the defendant newspaper was returned by it.

This will give the impression that it is just as painful to some people to be forgotten as it is to receive an occasional criticism for some public act.

Three Millon Scenes Taken

It is estimated that D. W. Griffith took more than 3,000,000 separate scenes for the original make-up of his great spectacle "The Birth of a Nation." These were subsequently assembled into the story as it now appears in dramatic form upon the stage and reduced to a total of approximately 200,000 distinct scenes. As each scene lives before your vision for an infinitesimal part of a second, you can understand why such a tremendous number is required to cover an evening's entertainment—Olympic theatre Friday and Saturday, Feb 15 and 16. Admission 35c and 50c. Children's matinee Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock, admission 20c. 1t

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Everybody Wants to Get in

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for the removal of garbage and those who create the garbage should pay for its removal.

The very reason it becomes an apparent impossibility to operate a system under the supervision of council is because there is no general head to it. The public does not expect the chairman of the sanitary committee to go out over the streets and alleys and personally look after it. His is a gratuitous service rendered for the honor there is in the office. No man with a full realization of the responsibility will court such a task, and surely none will continue to be faithful to it. This being impossible, the only way to care for it is to hire a man to oversee the work and it only takes an average business man to prophesy what the result will be. So far people will grant that the experiment is worth what it cost, and from now on there should be a resolve on the part of those in authority to correct past defects. This responsibility rests not alone with the sanitary committee of council but with council as a whole.

Does that sound spineless? We understand that the committee will criticize this paper. We expect it. We never crossed a public official yet that he didn't criticize the paper. But the paper has never been scared very much about that. The public expects certain duties of a newspaper, and however unpleasant they may be, those duties must be performed. Editor Schuck says there are some good things in the ordinance, but it matters not how good some things might be, if there is one condemning clause in it, the whole ordinance is faulty and must be condemned. There is no use to bring Mr. Pitman in this issue. We have never heard him give an expression on the garbage question. He listened to the discussions and sometimes smiled at the hopelessness of the undertakings. Let every tub stand on its own bottom.

And we personally know Mr. Johns is an advocate of placing the responsibility of the cans and the premises entirely upon the property owner. Let him take his criticism, for the whole town was never up in arms over any issue as it is over this issue. Let the committee take its criticism which is coming from all quarters. No apologies from this paper for the strong stand it took many months ago. We were right then, we are right today. We don't care how eloquently the committee attempts to back up its employe and take the burden away from him, for we heard much of his advice first hand, heard it approved, feel it being practiced upon the public. On important matters where the expenditure of thousands is at stake, the committee should accompany any employe, no matter who he is, for be he ever so wise, the judgment of any man is often not good. We have no retraction on this matter. No man should have too much to say in the affairs of a big corporation where the expenditure of thousands is involved.

Some of the members of council are voting for recommendations of the committee today under protest. They are hoping for a way out but they have felt from the start that the contract way of handling the garbage was the best. They are not to be criticized harshly, for they are the men who will have to work out the solution or guard it in the working. This airing has been a good thing despite the sensitive feelings of those who are deeply wounded. The Independent is still square with the issue and square with the people and as honest as square.

To Establish an Airplane Mail Service

Establishment of an airplane mail service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York during the coming summer was indicated yesterday when the Postoffice Department at Washington called for bids on five airplanes for that service.

The service will begin with one round trip a day and later may be expanded. First-class mail only will be carried at the outset of the service.

The specifications of the Postoffice department call for machines which have stood satisfactory test in the War and Navy department's service. The bids will be opened February 21 and the airplanes are to be delivered not later than April 25 this year. Arrangements have been made with the War Department to release a sufficient number of motors to equip the machines.

"It is not the purpose of the Postoffice Department to make this an experimental service," Postmaster General Burlson announced. "It's practicability is to be assured before the establishment of the route. Once established it is to remain a permanent service." A special postage rate will be charged for letters carried by airplane, if Congress will sanction it with the necessary law. The rate contemplated is 25 cents per ounce or fraction thereof. It is planned to maintain a permanent service on regular schedule.

"Reader's" Plain Talk

Editor of the Independent:

I am a renter in the borough of Monessen, have been renting here for nine years. The reason I don't own a house is because if I lose my job I want to move away. I hold myself ready. But I am a voter and as long as I live here I have an interest in what is doing in the town and want to protest this new law that will raise our rents. In twelve months my rent has been raised three times and this will be the fourth and the reason is because they pass such laws. The rent was raised when the city started to haul the garbage and it was raised on account of the war tax and it was raised on account of insurance. This time it will be raised to buy garbage cans for destructive tenants to batter up. Renters all suffer by bad laws and they ought to be interested in good laws the same as people who own the property. The councilmen should not do this.

Renter.

LOCAL NOTES

—Miss Elsie Dawson is a Pittsburgh shopper today.

—Miss Mary Anderson is a Pittsburgh shopper today.

—Clyde Precosta visited friends in Brownsville last evening.

—Pierce Landers visited friends in Uniontown last evening.

—Edgar Alien is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

—Alex Brown left last evening for Detroit where he will be employed.

—Earl Youngstown of Brownsville, visited Monessen friends last evening.

—Benjamin Furgenson has returned from Swissvale where he spent some time.

—Miss Louise Dunlevy has returned from Perryopolis where she visited friends.

—Miss Gertrude Gilbert has returned from Smithton where she visited friends.

—Miss Regina Crow of McKeesport is the guest of Mrs. G. G. Govern of Sixth street.

—Eugene Drumwell has returned from Greensburg where he has transacted business.

—Miss Agnes Smith pleasantly entertained a number of friends at her home on Sixth street last evening.

BORN—A little girl to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Menefee, Monday morning. Mother and baby are reported getting along nicely.

—Miss Tessie Bendheim of Altoona, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jake Meyers, is attending a theatre party in Pittsburgh today.

—All members of the Weston class and the Isabelle Thoburn class are requested to report at the Red Cross work rooms Thursday evening to work.

—Soldier boys from the fifth district of Washington county, embracing Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela, etc. will not leave until some time during the week of Feb. 23rd, but the day, dates and number of men have not yet been named.

A very pleasant surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mr Chas. Crow at the home of Thomas O'Tule The home was tastefully decorated in the national colors and a dainty lunch was served. The evening was spent in games and music. About thirty guests were present.

—All women interested in temperance are urged to be present at the meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Uniont tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. R. S. Kelly on Reed avenue. Discussion of the big temperance campaign in April. Special music and a good program. Help us win. 1t

—The telephone users of Connellsville are almost a unit in believing that two telephone companies operating in the city make for unnecessary expense. A citizen writing in the Connellsville News, scores the Tri state Telephone Co., stating that the company and its entire service is an unnecessary evil, and that by reason of its being a public service corporation, it falls so short in its service to its patrons as to be unworthy of the name of a public service utility.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this way of thanking all those who contributed in sending me the boxes from the Tube mill, Monessen, also the parties who sent me the cake and fruit. I certainly do appreciate their kindness to me and I will not forget them.

Harry Welsh,
Co. L, 347 Infantry,
Camp Pike, Arkansas.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. J. W. Wilson and children thank the many friends who so kindly assisted in any way, also for the beautiful floral offerings received during the recent illness and death of the husband and father, Rev. J. W. Wilson. 1t

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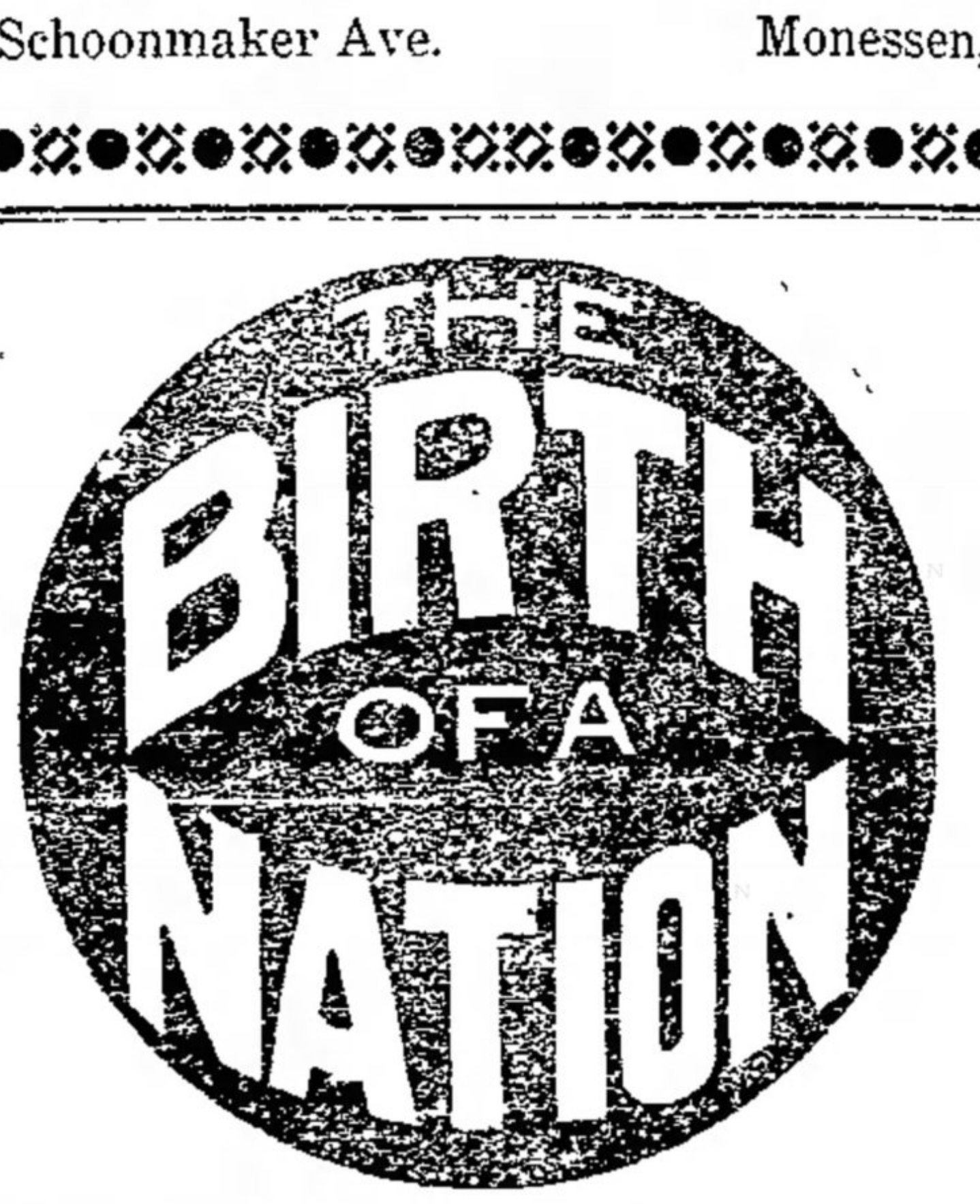

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WANTED—Two yard clerks; call at general office, Monessen P. & L E. R. R. 15-2tp

WANTED—Lady canvasser. Apply Thursday morning at 9 o'clock Sperry & Hutchinson Co., 561 Schoonmaker avenue. 1t

LOST—Large black and white setter dog, answers to name Rush. Reward if returned to Julius Schmidt at postoffice or phone 256-M. 15-3t

WANTED—Private room for gentleman in good family, centrally located. Address S. care Independent, or phone 126. 15-3tp

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for roomers. Vacant March first, 118 Knox avenue. 14-3tp

FOR SALE—Up-to-date house in good location, Belle Vernon; garage on rear. Inquire Mrs. Letitia Myers, corner Water and First street; or call 43-R. 15-2tp

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